

Boy Scouts Build Chimney Swift Tower at Orlando Wetlands Park



Boy Scouts and OAS Erect Chimney Swift Tower at OWP

A Chimney Swift tower was recently constructed and installed at Orlando Wetlands Park (OWP) in Christmas, Florida, by members of Boy Scout Troop 125. Robert Grieger, an Eagle Scout candidate, and his fellow scouts and troop leaders erected the tower next to the environmental education building at OWP. This was a cooperative project with Orange Audubon Society (OAS) and OWP. Chimney Swifts in North America are very dependent on man-made chimneys like this since far fewer chimneys are accessible to swifts nowadays than in the past. "Thanks to the City of Orlando and funding from the Griegers and a special Audubon collaborative grant, two low-light video cameras have been installed in the tower. Now we wait to see "We have built it, will they come?"."

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